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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

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For: **WIRE-BONDING APPARATUS
WITH IMPROVED XY-TABLE
ORIENTATION**

Group Art Unit: ~~Unassigned~~

Examiner: ~~Unassigned~~

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination and the calculation of filing fees, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 1, delete “or 2”.

Claim 4, line 1, delete “2 or 3”.

Claim 5, line 1, delete “2 or 3”.

Add the following new claims:

--7. Apparatus as claimed in claim 2 wherein said workpiece supporting means comprises a rotary table for rotating said workpiece.